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NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD PROJECTS UNDER NEGP
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set up a National Identity Card Project under National E-Governance (NEGP) plan in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (b): The National Citizen Database is one of the Mission Mode Projects under the National E-Governance Plan (NeGP) in the country, to be implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Registrar General of India (RGI). To test check feasibility of the processes and the methodology for undertaking such a project in the entire country, a Pilot Project was undertaken by the RGI for implementation from November, 2003 in selected areas of 12 states and 1 union territory namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry covering a population of nearly thirty one lakh. The implementation of the pilot project has been completed on 31.03.2008 with the issuance of more than 12 lakh identity (smart) cards to the citizens of age 18 years and above in the pilot areas. 20 Multi National Identity Card Centres (MNIC) set up one in each tehsil/block of the pilot areas, will remain functional till 31.03.2009 for maintenance and updating of database. Besides, they will be providing services to the identity card holders as well as those who could not be verified earlier.

The Planning Commission has accorded `in principle` approval to the scheme for preparation of National Population Register (NPR) during the Eleventh Plan, to be undertaken by the RGI. The scheme envisages collection of information on specified items of each individual at the time of population enumeration during Census 2011.